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EX-GOVERNOR BRIGHAM YOUNG.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 130.]

FEBRUARY 19, 1864.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WINDOM, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom were referred the unsettled accounts of Brigham Young, late governor and ex-officio superintendent of Indian affairs in Utah Territory, for the fourth quarter of 1856, first, second, third, and fourth quarters of 1857, and first and second quarters of 1858, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report thereon :*

That said accounts were suspended by the Commissioners of Indian Affairs for the want of the necessary funds to liquidate them, and also because the department was not satisfied that the expenditures and disbursements embraced in them were made in good faith for the Indian service, and desired further information on the subject. A suggestion to this effect by the department caused a provision to be inserted in the act of Congress approved March 2, 1861, entitled "An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1862," the sixth section of which reads as follows:

"SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of Indian Affairs be directed to examine the accounts of Brigham Young, late governor of Utah Territory, and *ex officio* superintendent of Indian affairs, for disbursements alleged to have been made by him on account of the Indian service in said Territory, and report a statement thereof to Congress."—(See pamphlet copy Statutes at Large, passed at the 2d session of the 36th Congress, 1860-'61.)

In August, 1860, copies of said accounts were furnished to Benjamin Davies, then superintendent of Indian affairs in said Territory, with instructions to investigate the same with rigid scrutiny, and report thereon. Said investigation was commenced by said Superintendent Davies, at his office in Great Salt Lake City, on the 7th day of February, 1861, and the same was carefully and rigidly conducted by an examination, as stated by said Superintendent Davies, of "each item" charged for in said accounts, and the governor, surveyor general, chief justice of the United States court, merchants, and other citizens of the United States temporarily residing in Utah, were also examined under oath by said Superintendent Davies touching said accounts, and that a full account of all the proceedings had in connexion therewith was duly reported on the 18th February, 1861, to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, including all of the evidence taken, (which was reduced to writing and signed by witnesses,) and the conclusions of said Superintendent Davies thereon.

The instructions from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to Superintendent Davies to investigate said accounts anticipated the action of Congress, and the

said investigation was conducted in strict compliance with the mandate expressed in the said section 6, hereinbefore quoted.

From all the facts which have come before us, the committee are of opinion that the expenditures stated in the accounts of Superintendent Young as having been made by him were necessary, and were so made in good faith for the Indian service, and that the government of the United States is justly indebted to said Superintendent Young, on account of said outlays and expenditures, in the sum of \$38,487 53, which in justice and good faith should be promptly paid; wherefore the committee recommend that an appropriation be made for that purpose.

#### EXPENDITURES.

*The United States to Brigham Young, late governor and superintendent of Indian affairs, Dr.*

Fourth quarter, 1856, as per abstract.....	\$4,301 30
Fourth quarter, 1856, Lambert, blacksmithing.....	326 38
Fourth quarter, 1856, Gilbert & Gerrish, blacksmithing.....	500 00
Fourth quarter, 1856, Whiston, blacksmithing.....	562 50
Fourth quarter, 1856, Pendleton, salary.....	700 00
First quarter, 1857, as per abstract.....	2,878 35
First quarter, 1857, Whiston, blacksmithing.....	192 50
Second quarter, 1857, as per abstract.....	7,035 75
Second quarter, 1857, Gilbert & Gerrish, blacksmithing.....	500 00
Second quarter, 1857, Whiston, blacksmithing.....	195 00
Second quarter, 1857, Pendleton, blacksmithing.....	175 00
Third quarter, 1857, as per abstract.....	6,411 38
Fourth quarter, 1857, as per abstract.....	9,174 44
First quarter, 1858, as per abstract.....	2,749 11
Second quarter, 1858, as per abstract.....	7,068 57
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	42,770 28
Due by Governor Young at the end of third quarter, 1856, as appears by the books in the Indian office.....	4,282 75
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Amount due Governor Young.....	38,487 53
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